

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Mr. Elbert S. Harris DOC # 190279 335 Bilton Road, Loft 1-64 Somers, CT 06071

RE: Freedom of Information Act Request No. EPA-R1-2018-011810

Dear Mr. Harris:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act request of September 26, 2018, regarding information, from 1992, pertaining to radon exposure at the Garner Prison in Newtown, CT.

I wish to advise you that Region I has no records responsive to your request.

The EPA has partnered with Connecticut over the years to educate the public about how to mitigate the risks posed by radon from exposure in indoor environments. Radon has been found at elevated levels in every state, including Connecticut, and the EPA recommends that each home be tested for radon. The Connecticut Department of Public Health continues to be a partner with the EPA in promoting healthy homes and indoor environments, including through the mitigation of radon through our Radon Program. For your reference, we are providing an EPA publication entitled "Radon Prevention in the Design and Construction of Schools and Other Large Buildings, Third Printing with Addendum, June 1994." The EPA does not have information about whether this document was directly supplied to Connecticut in 1992, though the EPA did make earlier printings of this material publicly available as early as 1991.

This letter concludes our response to your request. You may appeal this response by email at hq.foia@epa.gov, or by mail to the EPA's National FOIA Office, U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2310A), Washington, DC 20460. Only items mailed through the United States Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue. If you are submitting your appeal by hand delivery, courier service, or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 5315, Washington, DC 20001. Your appeal must be in writing, and it must be received no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 90-calendar-day limit. Appeals received after 5:00 p.m. EST will be considered received the next business day. The appeal letter should include the FOIA tracking number listed above. For quickest possible

handling, the subject line of your email, the appeal letter, and its envelope, if applicable, should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Additionally, you may seek dispute resolution services from EPA's FOIA Public Liaison at hq.foia@epa.gov or (202) 566-1667, or from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways: by mail, Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8610 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001; email, ogis@nara.gov; telephone, (202) 741-5770 or (877) 684-6448; or fax, (202) 741-5769.

Due to the limited nature of your request there will be no charge for the processing of it.

Sincerely,

Ken Moraff, Director

Office of Ecosystem Protection

cc: Cris Schena, R1 FOI Officer